

CITY OF KIRKLAND

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
PRE-APPROVED PLANS POLICY**

**Policy R-19: CURB PAINTING: AUTHORIZATION FOR PAINTINGS BY
ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS**

Initiated December 2008

Background: Public Works receives routine requests to have curbing painted red to designate 'no parking zones'. Many of these requests are for non-safety situations. Examples are:

- Requests for painting 5 feet on each side of a driveway to remind motorists not to park too closely to the driveway. Such parking is already illegal and enforceable, but some residents want the red paint as a reminder.
- Requests to prohibit parking in front of mailboxes to ensure mail delivery.

The number of painted curbs has grown over the years to the point where City Maintenance Crews are hard-pressed to maintain them. The budget cuts for 2009/2010 significantly reduced the City's ability to maintain existing and paint new 'no parking zones' by reducing funds for seasonal summer laborers.

To address the on-going needs for 'no parking' zones that are not safety-related, a procedure was developed whereby the City would give residents or property owners authorization, with specific conditions, to paint the curbs abutting their property.

Attached is a letter that provides the format for the authorization to paint and maintain the curbs.

[DATE]
[NAME]
[ADDRESS]
Kirkland, WA. 98033

Subject: Curb Painting Authorization

Dear [NAME]:

Under the conditions listed in this authorization, the City of Kirkland Public Works Department authorizes you to paint the curb red at the following location:

Location Description: within 5 lineal feet on each side of the driveway serving [ADDRESS]

Conditions:

1. Standard, water-based red curb marking paint must be used. This is available at Kelly-Moore paint in Kirkland (12631 NE 85th St). It is referred to as red Zone-Marking Paint.
2. The City of Kirkland will not maintain these paint markings. Future painting of this curb, if desired, will need to be done privately.
3. This authorization does not expire unless the City of Kirkland revokes it. We reserve the right to revoke the authorization at any time.
4. We do not warrant that motorists will comply with it, but it is officially approved and is as enforceable as if our own crews had done the painting.

If you have any questions regarding this authorization, please contact me at (425) 587-3866 or icabrera@kirklandwa.gov.

Sincerely,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Iris Cabrera,
Transportation Engineer